

I do not support removing Element 1 from General and Extra Class Licenses. Furthermore having been involved in teaching amateur radio classes I favor the license test syllabuses and all question pools be reviewed to improve testing of detailed knowledge. The amateur service needs operators knowledgeable in the radio art to be able to meet its obligations to the general public in exchange for our frequency allocations.

The NCVEC is not a formal organization neither recognized by nor representing the amateur community. Funds collected via VECs used for the purpose of filing a petition, are funds misused. The VECs were selected by the FCC, not elected. Their function is to administer examinations, not to use reimbursed costs collected for rule making. The VEC should consider their involvement in a contentious issue where a large segment is not fairly represented. Many VEs and VE team leaders who support their testing simply had no chance to contribute inputs. The petition should not have been submitted in the name of NCVEC or its VECs. The individuals involved had the right submit a petition, but not in our name.

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